# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
# LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF LABOUR FORCE
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**Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:**

(a)whether the Government had conducted any survey/study regarding problem of unemployment in different States of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof , State-wise;

(c) whether there is large scale migration of labour force from one State to another State;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interest of labourers and to create new employment sources/opportunities in the States?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) Estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation. Last such survey was conducted during 2004-05.

(b) State-wise details of unemployment rates are given at Annex- I.

(c) The inter-state migrants numbering 411.7 lakh as per census 2001, including workers and persons seeking/available for work, constitute 13.1% of the total migrants recorded during the same period in the country.

(d) State -wise number of total and inter -state migrants are given at Annex-II.

(e) Inter State Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, besides other labour laws, protects particularly the interest of migrant labourers. Keeping in view the high incidence of unemployment both in rural and urban areas, Government has been implementing various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes. Some of these are Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY); Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY); Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) and National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA), etc. for generating gainful employment opportunities in the country. Approach Paper to Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million jobs during the 11th Plan.